REMARKS

While applicant disagrees with the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, in the interest of forwarding the present application to early examination, applicant elects Group I (claims 4 and 6 – 17) for examination. Claims 18 – 23 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 – 3 and 5 were previously canceled.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected Group II (claims 18 – 23) at a later date.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims pending in this application are patentable over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. **The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues that may not have been adequately addressed in this response.**

Respectfully submitted,

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